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SUBJECT: ZAMBIANS SEEK US INTERCESSION WITH SAG

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA CALLED ME OVER TO STATE HOUSE MARCH 26 TO PLEAD FOR US INFLUENCE ON SAG TO ALERT SOUTH AFRICANS TO POTENTIAL DANGER TO DETENTE IF OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING APRIL 7-9 IN DAR ES SALAAM ISSUES MANDATE, AS ZAMBIANS FEAR, THAT ALL AFRICAN CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA CEASE UNLESS CERTAIN CONDITIONS MET.

2. CHONA CONVINCED AFRICANS WILL INSIST THAT SOUTH AFRICA "GIVE ITS OWN PROOF OF HONESTY" IN CAUSE OF DETENTE IN ADDITION TO EFFORTS OF ZAMBIANS WHO HAVE DEFENDED SOUTH AFRICAN CQEDIBILITY AT PREVIOUS OAU MEETINGS. ZAMBIA WANTS USG TO SUGGEST THAT SAG IMMEDIATELY PULL OUT ITS TROOPS FROM RHODESIA AND DISREGARD SCHEDULED PHASE OUT. CHONA BELIEVES OAU MAY INSIST THAT SOUTH AFRICA PRODUCE A  
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REASONABLE FORMULA FOR GRACEFUL EXIT FROM NAMIBIA AS

SECOND CONDITION TO FURTHER TALKS BETWEEN BLACK AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

3. CHONA SAID PRECEDENT FOR THIS TYPE INJUNCTION SET AT OAU SUMMIT MEETING AT BRAZAVILLE WHEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL BANNED UNTIL AGREEMENT TO DECOLONIZE GIVEN.

4. ZAMBIA DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S PUBLIC STATEMENT FOLLOWING HIS DAY-AND-A-HALF LONG TALKS WITH IAN SMITH MARCH 18-19, ESPECIALLY HIS REFERENCE TO WITHDRAWALS OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE "AS SOON AS CEASEFIRE HAS BECOME EFFECTIVE" (CAPETOWN 313). (CONTENDS SAG HAS SUBSTITUTED NEW RATIONALE FOR THEIR PRESENCE.) THIS STATEMENT CONSIDERED NOT HELPFUL TO AFRICAN CAUSE AND CHONA WONDERED WHY VORSTER SEEMED TO BE SO INHIBITED IN PUBLIC.

5. ZAMBIANS AND TANZANIANS HAD GONE AS FAR AS THEY COULD IN PROMISING OTHER AFRICANS PROGRESS ON DETENTE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT WAS UP TO VORSTER TO MAKE MORE FORTHCOMING PUBLIC DECLARATION ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA TO SHOW REAL AND SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS. CHONA THOUGHT VORSTER SHOULD CONVINCE SMITH IT STILL NOT TOO LATE TO ENJOY A PROMINENT AND RESPECTED PLACE IN HISTORY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IF HE WOULD SHARE POWER WITH MAGNANIMITY, RATHER THAN ALWAYS HOLDING OUT AND SEEMING AT LEAST IN PUBLIC TO GET SUPPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA. VORSTER SHOULD CLARIFY THIS POINT. CHONA CONTENDED VORSTER WAS NEVER STRONGER POLITICALLY BUT WAS THROWING DUST IN PEOPLE'S EYES WITH CONSTANT REFERENCE TO THE SMALL BUT NOT INFLUENTIAL HERZOGITE RIGHT WING.

6. AS FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, CHONA UNUSUALLY RESTRAINED, LIMITING HIS REMARKS TO NOTING SMITH MAKING AN UNJUSTIFIED HERO OUT OF NDABANINGI SITHOLE BY LEGAL HEARING WHICH COMPLICATING SITUATION. SAID ZAMBIA WAS SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT HERBERT CHITEPO'S MURDER BUT HAD NOT YET FOUND IT.

7. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH CHONA ALLUDING TO THOSE OUTSIDE SUPPORTERS OF ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (UNMISTAKABLE REFERENCE TO RUSSIANS AND CHINESE) "WHO ARE TRYING TO PRESS CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE ARMS ON FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND PROVE US WRONG IN PEACEFUL, NEGOTIATED COURSE WE ARE FOLLOWING." CHONA SAID IT IMPORTANT THAT VORSTER HEAR THIS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ZAMBIA.

8. COMMENT: THIS REPRESENTS YET ANOTHER REQUEST FROM CHONA THAT WE TALK TO VORSTER ABOUT POLICE WITHDRAWALS AND SAG PLANS FOR NAMIBIA. I POINTED OUT THAT VORSTER HAS A THING ABOUT PRESSURE AND INTERVENTION FROM OUTSIDE, BUT

CHONA WAVED THIS ASIDE, CITING SUBTLE POWER HE BELIEVES USG HOLDS IN REGARD TO SAG'S UNCERTAIN SEAT AT UN. I COUNTERED BY SAYING I ASSUMED HE WOULD BE MAKING HIS POINTS DIRECTLY IN NEXT MEETING WITH SAG OFFICIALS. CHONA FELT US ASSIST CRITICAL.

9. I REALIZE HOW AWKWARD AND POSSIBLY EMBARRASSING SUGGESTED INQUIRY BY US COULD BE TO MY COLLEAGUE IN CAPETOWN, ESPECIALLY ON EVE HIS DEPARTURE. HOWEVER, AS PUBLIC STATEMENT BY VORSTER WAS FORECAST FOR MARCH 24 BUT NEVER CAME OFF, COULD INQUIRY ON THIS NON-EVENT BE USED TO PROBE VORSTER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SMITH AT THIS JUNCTURE AND NEXT STEPS CONTEMPLATED BY SAG BEYOND BLAND AND INNOUCUOUS STATEMENT AT CONCLUSION OF SMITH-VORSTER TALKS THIS MONTH? CERTAINLY VORSTER MIGHT BE CONGRATULATED FOR LANGUAGE IN LE FIGARO INTERVIEW THIS WEEK WHEREIN HE SEEMS TO HAVE SWITCHED TO TALKING OF INHABITANTS OF NAMIBIA RATHER THAN PEOPLES. DOES THIS SIGNAL MOVE AWAY FROM BANTUSTANS POLICY FOR THAT AREA?

10 UNLESS CAPE TOWN OR DEPARTMENT PERCEIVE PROBLEMS, WOULD HOPE THERE NO OBJECTIONS TO OUR CONVEYING TO SOUTH AFRICANS OUR FEAR THAT DAR MEETING OF OAU COULD WELL TAKE PRECISE TURN CHONA PREDICTS IN ABSENCE OF INITIATIVES OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH COULD KEEP DETENTE IN AFRICA ALIVE AND FACILITATE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.  
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